

GRIFFITH BARRACKS NEWSLETTER

29th November 2018

A Chairde (Friends),

Winter Fair

This weekend sees the Winter Fair return to Griffith Barracks. It takes place on Sunday between 12 and 3pm and promises to be a great event.

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank all who have volunteered to help out with the Fair. More volunteers are needed to help set up on Saturday, help on a stall on Sunday and clean up after 3 pm. If you can even give an hour of your time - many hands make light work, please contact Michelle on Ph: 0868052535. Donations of clothes, toys, books, unwanted gifts for raffle prizes, bric-a-brac, bikes should all be dropped to the school on Saturday between 11am and 1pm.



Fresh produce only on Sunday please!
Money raised will go to the following:

- SEN OT Resources
- Our Mural and Poetry wall
- Our rooftop space and planting around the school.



<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Winter-Fair/3809/Index.html>

Enrolment

Our enrolment for Junior Infants 2019 closes on 31st December. If you have a younger sibling of a child in the school, it is very important that you ensure you have applied and that you also make contact Rene in the office to ensure that your child is marked as a sibling on the list. I am attaching a link to our Enrolment Policy for your information. Places will be offered in early January 2018 and all siblings must be on the list before 31st December if they wish to be given priority for a place in the 2019 Junior Infant class.

https://griffithbarracks.ie/Content/2018/5/ENROLMENT_POLICY_December_2017.pdf

Students of the Week



Well done to all our Students of the week this week.



School Trips/Workshops and Swimming

The link for payments for school trips/workshops and swimming remains open. Many thanks to all who have already paid it. We will send a payment link today to any families who have not paid already.

School Calendar

Each class is busy preparing the calendar for next year at the moment. We hope to have the Calendar on sale at the End of Year Performance.

Yellow Flag award



We had a great day in Liberty Hall when the school was awarded its Yellow Flag. Griffith Barracks was one of fourteen schools to receive their Yellow Flag in recognition of work done in the area of inter-culturalism and anti-racism. Over the last number of years, this has been a focus in our school. I would like to thank Anita for coordinating the Yellow Flag team, assisted by Jenny and parents Beatrice, Rabia and Ailbhe, who made the process a real community venture. Yesterday, we heard from Minister Katherine Zapone, who commended all the schools for their work in this area. The committee, comprising of children and adults is pictured above.

The Yellow Flag Programme provides a practical series of 8 steps that brings issues of inter-culturalism, equality and diversity into the whole-school programme and allows schools to apply them to the day to day running of the school. It works with students, staff, management, parents and wider community groups so that issues of diversity and equality are not merely seen as “school subjects” but can be understood and taken outside the school setting into everyone’s personal lives. Similar to the Green Schools Programme, the Yellow Flag is an award scheme.

On our way home, we even got to see a dolphin swimming in the Liffey! Eddie was not quick enough to capture it on camera.



Student Dáil

Last Friday the student Dáil presented at the student meet with 4 other Educate Together Primary and Secondary Schools. This was part of the Educate Together Ethical Education Conference which had a focus on Environmental issues.

Weeding

Due to the bad weather we had to cancel our weeding morning last Tuesday and hope to try again next Tuesday. If anybody is available for an hour next Tuesday morning just get in touch with me at eddie.fox@griffithbarracks.ie.

Junior Infants Aistear Fun

<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Junior-Infants-having-fun-during-airport-aistear/3810/Index.html>
<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Junior-Infants-busy-at-Aistear/3806/Index.html>

Senior Infants News

This week, Senior Infants have moved on to working in the Post Office. Here's a link to some of their work on Space from last week.

<https://griffithbarracks.ie/News/Adventures-in-Space-in-Senior-Infants/3804/Index.html>



2nd Class – All About Me



Beir Bua,

Eddie
Príomhoide



Griffith Barracks in the 1980s